

**November 2006**

**From the Desk of Brandon Seitz**

October was a successful month as OED was able to participate in many great events. Events were ranging from energy efficiency, alternative fuels, and visits from dignitaries including Senator Lugar, to name a few, all allowed Hoosiers to learn a great deal about energy and Indiana's initiatives.

The Change a Light, Change a Town, Change America event held in BioTown, USA on October 4th was a great success and we again wish to thank all those who worked tirelessly to make this happen. October 12th was National Odyssey Day and in partnership with South Shore Clean Cities, OED was able to speak with many folks about the importance of alternative fuels. Senator Lugar spent several days traveling Indiana to see first-hand the various energy projects that are taking off including biofuels, wind power technologies and BioTown, USA. On October 27, Governor Daniels announced plans to build a \$1.5 billion coal gasification plant in Southern Indiana. (News Release)

Three of our four grant programs have come to a close and we are excited to see the projects funded take off. The importance of finding ways to create and utilize domestic, homegrown, environmentally friendly energy is crucial not only to Indiana but also to this country. All recipients in this past round of funding are making strides to assist in our ability to become energy independent.

November is upon us and now it is time to prepare our homes and businesses for the cold winter season. The Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority as well as the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor both provides tips and information on weatherization. Please visit their websites to learn more. (IHCDA / OUCC) The Help Thy Neighbor program begins its second year and energy assistance eligibility has been extended. (News Release)

OED recently announced that a Combined Heat & Power Workshop will be held on December 11th in the Jasper area. This will be applicable to a multitude of agricultural and wood processing industries. Please view the agenda to learn more.

Day-by-day progress is being made as the initiatives and vision for Indiana continues to develop and become a reality. With great enthusiasm we continue to work and move forward on all fronts to provide Hoosiers with safe, reliable and feasible energy.

Sincerely,

Brandon Seitz  
Manager of the Energy Division